

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A viewing device comprising:

an eyepiece; and

a reference plate that is provided with a first clear plate including a reticle forming surface on which a reticle is formed, said reference plate being positioned on an optical axis of said eyepiece, and further provided with a second clear plate including a frame forming surface on which a frame for a field of view is formed;

wherein said reticle forming surface is curved in accordance with a field curvature of said eyepiece,

wherein said reticle forming surface and said frame forming surface are arranged so as to face each other, and

wherein the radius of curvature of said reticle forming surface and the radius of curvature of said frame forming surface are different.

2. (Original) A viewing device according to claim 1, wherein said reticle forming surface is curved so as to approximately accord with a field curvature of a sagittal image surface of said eyepiece.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A viewing device according to claim 1, wherein said ~~reference plate~~ is composed of two clear plates including said first clear plate, and said two first and second clear plates are bonded in such a manner that said reticle forming surface is a bonded surface.

5. (Original) A viewing device according to claim 1, wherein said reference plate has no significant refracting power.

6. (Currently Amended) A viewing device according to claim 4, wherein, on said reference plate, both an incidence surface and an exit surface are ~~plane~~ planar.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A viewing device according to ~~claim 7~~ claim 1, wherein said frame forming surface is curved so as to approximately accord with a field curvature of a meridional image surface of said eyepiece.

9. (Currently Amended) A viewing device according to ~~claim 7~~ claim 1, further comprising a sealing member that hermetically seals a gap which is formed between the peripheral portions of said first and second clear plates.